



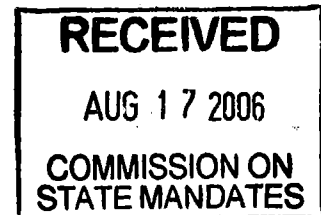
**DEPARTMENT OF  
FINANCE**

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August 14, 2006

Ms. Paula Higashi  
Executive Director  
Commission on State Mandates  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300  
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Dear Ms Higashi:

As requested in your letter of July 21, 2006, the Department of Finance has reviewed the draft staff analysis of Claim No. CSM-03-TC-23 "Voter Identification Procedures".

Consistent with our November 14, 2003, comments that Chapter 260, Statutes of 2000, may have resulted in new state mandated activities, we concur with the staff analysis finding that comparing the signature on each provisional ballot envelope with the signature on the voter's affidavit of registration is a reimbursable state mandate:

Prior to the enactment of Chapter 260, paragraph (1) of subdivision (c) of Elections Code Section 14310 read:

During the official canvass, the elections official shall examine the records with respect to all provisional ballots cast.

County elections officials were required to examine the voter's affidavit of registration and establish the provisional ballot-casting voter's right to vote. This was commonly performed by examining the voter's physical/computer-scanned registration card (affidavit of registration), but officials were not required to use a specific method of verification. Chapter 260 mandated a higher level of service by specifying that a signature comparison is the method of verification.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties included on the mailing list which accompanied your July 21, 2006 letter have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail or, in the case of other state agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact, Carla Castañeda, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-3274.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Dithridge  
Program Budget Manager

Attachments

Attachment A

DECLARATION OF  
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
CLAIM NO. CSM-03-TC-23

1. I am currently employed by the State of California, Department of Finance (Finance), am familiar with the duties of Finance, and am authorized to make this declaration on behalf of Finance.
2. We concur that the Chapter 260, Statutes of 2000 sections relevant to this claim are accurately quoted in the test claim submitted by claimants and, therefore, we do not restate them in this declaration.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in the foregoing are true and correct of my own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated as information or belief and, as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

8/15/06

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at Sacramento, CA

Carla Castañeda

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Carla Castañeda

## PROOF OF SERVICE

Test Claim Name: Voter Identification Procedures

Test Claim Number: CSM-03-TC-23

I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

I am employed in the Department of Finance, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, 12th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On August 14, 2006, I served the attached recommendation of the Department of Finance in said cause, by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to claimants and nonstate agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the normal pickup location at 915 L Street, 12th Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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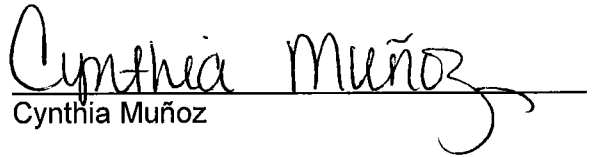
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on August 11, 2006 at Sacramento, California.

  
Cynthia Muñoz